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SUBJECT: PROPOSED "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

REFS: STATE 41918 AND TANANARIVE 0387

BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO, NEW GOMR WILL ADOPT NEUTRAL POSITION ON ISSUE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM'S REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS GOMR'S SUPPORT OF "PRG." HE THINKS MALAGASY BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN CAST ON ISSUE OF "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT WMO CONGRESS, AS QUESTION HAS NOT COME BEFORE MILITARY DIRECTORY. ACTION REQUESTED: GENEVA TO CHECK WHETHER BALLOT HAS BEEN CAST, AND, IF SO, IN WHAT SENSE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CALL ON CHAIRMAN, MALAGASY MILITARY DIRECTORY, GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO, MAR 14, I RAISED ISSUE OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. I BROUGHT UP MATTER AFTER HAVING OUTLINED POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE AND CREDITS TO MADAGASCAR, BUT MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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(NOTAL), THAT I WAS NOT ASKING FOR SPECIFIC TIED QUID PRO QUO.

2. I STATED U.S. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR PRESENT GOMR'S SUPPORT OF GVN AND OPPOSITION TO "PRG" IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN CONTRAST TO CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF "PRG" BY RAMANANTSOA GOVERNMENT OVER PAST YEAR. I NOTED SPECIFIC CASE IS AT HAND IN "PRG'S" CERTIFICATION FOR ADMISSION TO WMO CONGRESS AS OBSERVER. I SAID GOMR MIGHT HAVE ALREADY CAST POSTCARD BALLOT ON THIS ISSUE, BUT I WAS SURE DECISION COULD BE CHANGED BY CABLE IF BALLOT HAD BEEN CASE IN SUPPORT OF "PRG."

3. ANDRIAMAHAZO REPLIED THAT, WHILE NEW GOMR COULD NOT SWITCH ALL WAY TO PRO-GVN POSITION, IT WOULD ADOPT NEUTRAL POSITION ON SOUTH VIET-NAM REPRESENTATION ISSUE -- THAT IS, NOT SUPPORTING EITHER "PRG" OR GVN. HE THOUGHT THAT MALAGASY VOTE HAD NOT BEEN CAST ON WMO OBSERVER ISSUE, AS QUESTION HAD NOT COME BEFORE MILITARY DIRECTORY, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY NOT EMPOWERED DECIDE FOREIGN COMMITMENTS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DIRECTORY. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIS NEW DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, CRESCENT RAKOTOFIRINGA, INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT NEUTRAL POSITION TO BE ADOPTED BY GOMR ON SOUTH VIET-NAM ISSUE IN FUTURE.

4. I THANKED ANDRIAMAHAZO AND SAID NEUTRAL POSITION IN CASE WMO OBSERVER ISSUE COULD CONSIST OF SIMPLY NOT CASTING POSTCARD BALLOT AT ALL.

5. COMMENT: I RECOGNIZE DEPT'S PREFERENCE FOR VOTE AGAINST "PRG," BUT CONSIDER IT REAL PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT MADAGASCAR FROM PREVIOUS HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. POSITION TO POSITION OF ABSENTION OR ABSENCE. SUCH MALAGASY POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC STANCE OF EAST-WEST NEUTRALITY WHICH ANDRIAMAHAZO FEELS OBLIGED ADOPT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM GENEVA AS TO WHETHER GOMR HAS ALREADY CAST BALLOT AND, IF SO, IN WHAT SENSE. WHILE I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE  
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IN ANDRIAMAHAZO'S GOOD FAITH, I KNOW FROM OTHER EXPERIENCES THAT, THROUGH POOR COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP, THERE IS OFTEN GAP BETWEEN HIS DECISION AND ACTION TAKEN.  
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